(c) whether it is a fact that Amanullah had gone to Brussels to attend Socialists sponsored conference to discuss aileged "Suppression" of human right in Kashmir;

(d) whether it is a fact that Indian socialists also attended this anti-India Brussels Conference and attacked Government of India for allegedly making Kashmir a bleeding Colony of India;

(e) who were these Indian Socialists and delegates who freely Indulged in anti-India commentary in the name of defending human rights; and

(f) what was the substance and text of Indian Socialists who made anti-India speeches at Brussels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) A formal request for the extradition of Amanullah Khan from Belgium has been made to the Government of Belgium on 29 October 1993. The matter is to be considered further by the competent Belgian Court of Appeal.

(b) The extradition request is based on warrants for the arrest of Amanullah Khan issued in April 1990 by the concerned judicial authorities in J&K on charges of murder and criminal conspiracy.

(c) Amanullah Khan had reportedly gone to Brussels to attend a so-called Round Table discussion on Kashmir organised by the Socialist Group in the European Parliament. The stated aims of the Round Table were to obtain understanding of the origin and nature of the Kashmir issue and to consider scope for progress towards a peaceful solution.

(d) to (f) Indian participants in the Round Table reportedly included Shri George Fernandes, M.P; Shri M. S. Bahl; Dr. Farooq Abdullah, President, J&K National Conference; Prof. Bhima Singh, President, Jammu Kashmir Panthers' Party; Dr. K. S. Pandita, Secretary, Friends of Kashmir and Shri Ravi Nair, Director of the South Asia Documentation Centre, New Delhi. The Round Table was open to participants only and details of the discussions and speeches made have not been made public.

Expenditure incurred on foreign tours by Central Ministers

672. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Central Ministers who undertook foreign tours after the formation of the present Government stating the countries visited, the purpose of their visit and the expenditure incurred in terms of foreign exchange in each case; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the expenditure incurred on these tours was not in line with the austerity measures adopted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Foreign tours are undertaken by the Ministers due to requirements of Government work.

Pak threat of using nuclear device against India

673. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the then Pakistan's Prime Minister regarding its close link between Kashmir and Pakistan's nuclear capability and further emphasising that if necessary, Islamabad would not hesitate to use its nuclear option to take Kashmir away from India, as reported in the Observer and Times of India of October 19, 1993;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and its nuclear policy in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to safeguard the security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Government have seen Press reports regarding the then Pakistan Caretaker Prime Minister Mr. Moeen Qureshi's Press Conference in Islamabad on October 18, 1993 in which he had, *inter alia*, repodtedly made a statement linking Pakistan's nuclear capability to the Kashmir issue. There was, however, no mention of use of Pakistan's nuclear option to take Kashmir away from India.

(b) and (c) Government are aware of Pakistan's pursuit of clandestine and weapons oriented nuclear programme and its implications for India's and regional security and stability have been conveyed to all concerned.

Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take all necessary measures to safeguard it.

Financial assistance to Food Processing Industries in Andhra Pradesh

674. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state the details of financial assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh for the setting up of food processing industries during each of the last three financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): Details of Plan assistance provided for the proposals received through the Government of Andhra Pradesh are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Plan assistance provided for the proposals received through the Government of Andhra Pradesh

Year	Proposal and the Organisation	Assistance provided
1991-92	Andhra Pradesh Meat and Poultry Development Corporation Limited, Hyderabad, for establishing a Poultry Processing Plant in the State.	Rs. 76.5 lakhs as equity share capital and a loan of Rs. 41.5 lakhs.
1991-92	Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of infrastructures for mushroom cultivation and processing.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 2.047 lakhs
1991-92	Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh for mushroom laboratory and processing units.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 32.25 lakhs
1992-93	M/s. Girijan Cooperative Society Limited, for installation of modern honey processing plant with other infrastructure facilities.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 17.10 lakhs
1992-93	M/s. Girijan Cooperative Society Limited, Vizag for promotion of commercial mushroom production in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 25.76 lakhs
1992-93	Andhra Pradesh Fisheries Corpn. for setting up cold chain in fisheries.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 39.5 lakhs
1992-93	Proposal was received from the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation for setting up of two F&VP units.	An amount of Rs. 104 lakhs towards Govt. of India's equity assistance has been provided to the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corpn. for setting up two fruit & Vegetable processing units.